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Dear Victor,

I have some difficulty in setting up a machinery to raise funds for HUGO, as I am now requested to spend so much time in shaping up Japanese projects, organizing and recruiting, and so on. It will be done, as soon as possible, however.

During these efforts I hear from several sources that Jim Watson seems to be raising some hostile issues against Japanese efforts, as though he regards Japan does not want to make any contribution to this worldwide activity.

One possible reason that I can think of about his misunderstanding is probably a misrepresentation in Moscow in June. I should open up a better line to communicate. As the first and the best chance along this line, I am looking forward for your visit to us in Osaka in coming October. Unfortunately, your visiting hours are too short, as the last flight for Izumo leaves around 5pm. (By the way, I put your seminar as the Institutional seminar) Can't you possibly come to Osaka a night before? If it is not possible, I would like to ask you to set aside at least two hours to discuss the U. S. and Japanese matters.

Lastly, the Human Frontier Science Program has started soliciting applications. For your convenience, I am enclosing its announcement and instructions. Although we have not been successful in persuading the Foundation to support HUGO, at least you and I (and if necessary, along with Drs. Bodmer and Dausset) can file applications for several fellowships and/or workshops. I would like you to spend sometime in examining these possibilities, and add the topic in our discussions.

With best wishes,



Kenichi Matsubara